for evolving the basic criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management with Director IIFM as a convenor. The task force had submitted its report which has identified 8 criteria and 43 indicators of SFM in India. The report of the task force has been sent to the state government for their comments.

Financial irregularities in Zoos

2820. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the death of animals in Nandankanan Zoo took place due to negligence of the Director;

(b) whether the Orissa Government has received a confidential report from Chief Principal Conservator and the State Chief Wild Life Conservator of Orissa stating that the Director has committed financial irregularities;

(c) whether this is occurring in various other States also; and

(d) if so, what are the steps taken by Government to prevent such misutilisation in various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The death of animals in Nandankanan Zoo took placed due to the infection of disease "Trypanosomiasis'. The response of Zoo Administration was inadequate to meet the situation.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Tigers suffering from disease in zoos

2821. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tigers kept in several State zoos are suffering from some disease or the other;

(b) whether adequate and appropriate treatment is necessary for them; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to provide necessary treatment to those sick tigers?